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#### ANOTHER DIAMOND ROMANCE.

THE EVENING WORLD punctured some days ago the pretentious fabric of romance and mystery which a portrait artist of this city had reared about the alleged robbery of a diamond necklace. The beautiful fiction effervesced and

vanished, as did the diamonds.

As a well-known New Yorker was helping a lady out of her carriage at an uptown theatre last night, a magnificent pendant of diamonds set in rubies became loosened from her necklace and fell into that universal municipal repository, the gutter.

The gentleman and lady passed on through the lights and splendors of the lobby, to take their places in the brilliant audience. The carriage drove off. Neither owner nor servant had noticed the flash and fall of the lost gems.

Not so a newsboy, whose eyes were as sharp as his appetite, and whose necessities kept him out selling newspapers when most children of his years are at home. He picked up the pendant, recognized its value at a glance. and-what

Did he pocket it and slink off to realize a small fortune? Not he. He ran into the theatre after the lady and gentleman and gave them their property. To-day he is to call on them. There is heroic stuff and, better still, the making of a good, honest, industrious citizen in such a boy

#### MUNDANE MATTERS.

The President refuses to kiss bebies. There is no longer an excuse for taking to the White House the babes-in-arms, which have so long and so vociferously assisted at making official receptions a howling success.

A New York editor bought a vase for \$1,000 rday. It was not a peach-blow vase either. though if the Metropolitan Museum could get hold of it, it would be shut from public gaze one day in the week as sedulously as if it had come all the way from Peachblowville.

Can it be that the unanimity with which the police report New York to be at present a very among cities for virtue, morality and quiet is a striking illustration of the words of

> Vice is a monster of such hideous misn That to be hated needs but to be seen; But, seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, they play, then embrace?

order Smyth sentenced a burglar to ten years ye derday, and added the official opinion fellow is a "hobetudinous" criminal. Can this excellent judge have forgotten the connal proviso against cruel and unusual

#### NEXT WEEK'S DISCUSSION.

" Can Snakes Live in Ireland?" will be the jopic of next week's discussion in The Evening World. It will be very opportune, as St. Patrick's Day is at hand. Judging from the letters already received, this will be one of the most interesting discussions held in these

Well-Heeled for Cats.

The Emperor of China has just had 260 pairs es boots made for him. The Empesor is "well-healed" now, if he never was before, and musically inclined cats will want to hold their midnight concerts in some place other than His Majesty's back-yard.

MONELL'S TEXTRING CORDIAL soothes the inf

### THE CONTEST CLOSED

But the Mountain of Conundrums on Hand Delays the Decision.

Judge Carleton Will Endeaver to Report on Monday.

TO CONUNDRUM COMPETITORS.

There was a great rush of conundrums to this Mee yesterday. Beveral thousand are awaiting zamination.

In fairness to all competitors, Judge Carteton cannot make his decision to-day. It will probably ounced on Monday. Here are a few of the conundrums received on

The Emerald Pale. When is a Home Rule speech like water?

When it is all about Ireland. N. S., 122 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street. Successful Joseph. Why was Mr. Joseph Chamberlain more

fortunate in proposing marriage than men who have proposed and been rejected? Why, because he proposed and he caught (Endicott) her. John J. CONNOLLY. 256 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn.

Hard on Auntle. Why is a policeman, who is about to take our mother's sister to jail, like a man going to an esting saloon?

Because he is going to arrest our aunt (a staurant). Annie R. Amle, 196 West Hanover street, Trenton, N. J. restaurant).

Of Latin Extraction. Why is a spade naturally angry when taken out of a hot-house ?

at of a hot-house r Because it knows it is '' infra dig." J. C. G. And Indicates Drought.

Why should the free-lunch fiend be called weather glass? Because he is a bar-room-eater (barometer). W. D. H., 80 Sands street, Brooklyn.

A Light Resemblance. What resembles a star the most? A sky-light.

A Cabinet Purr. Which card in the deck represents a Cabinet member? An THERE, 22, Brooklyn.

Both Go With Bands. Why is a gypsy like a cornet? Because they are always found in bands. EMMA L. BRADT.

Widows and Authors. What two modern authors' combined names will describe the state of a woman who nad just buried her husband? Ouids-Hood. JOSEPH A. O'MULLANE, 190 Park row.

But Grown People Go. What theatre is expressly for children? A. CUNNINGHAM, 423 East Twelfth street, City. Miners.

Yet Are Seldom Sold. Which part of a vessel is always purchas able?

The masts, as they are for sair (for sale). C. H. P. And Both Get Them. Why are ladies house hunting like bune

steerers?

Because they are looking for flats.

Reck-a-By Baby.

Why is a recent and quite prominent public Riker's Compound Sarsaparilla is composed of Sarsaparilla. Dandellou, Yellow Dock, Burdock, Chamonile. Gentian, Rhuberb, Mandrake, Iron, &c. You can judge for yourself if it be good. As a blood purifier or liver medicine it has no equal. It centains no Mencury, Potass or Arrento, while its effect is quicker and far more satisfactory than any. In fact, we querantee it to deall yow expect, or agree to resurn the money. Extra large bottlee (17% ounces), 75 cents. Only two doeses a day needed.

Insist on having Kirken's Narsaparilla, and you are positively sure of cure. Do not allow any one to persuade you otherwise. Sold by almost all dealers. If any druggist request to supply you, you can be sure of getting what you ask for at the dry goods houses and general stores, or direct from Wat. B. Kirken & Sox, 853 6th ave., near 22d st., New York.

### event like the first wail of a newly born in fant? If is the Inauguration Ball (bawl). K. R. R. FIRE DROVE THEM FROM BED.

Pleasant Avenue. Why is a 80-cent piece, once lost but re covered, like the member of a football team.
It is a half-back. K. R. R.

Alarms rang out at 12.30 this morning for a fire which had broken out in the new five-story tenement, 978 Pleasant avenue, corner of East One Hundred and Fifteenth street.

The fire was on the fourth floor, where John O'Eeste lives with his wife and family, and six families slept on the other floors.

The just awakened and frightened people

racated their rooms in a hurry, and sought tem porary refuge in adjoining houses.

O'Keefe's flat was badly burned out, but the firemen prevented the flames from spreading much. The loss was about \$1,500.

Cabin?"
Spiritualism was originally done by Margaret Fox's toe, and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was done by Harriet Beecher Stowe.
T. J. CUNNINGHAM,
139 Sackett street, Brooklyn. An Art Commissioner Sails. Saponaceous. What kind of soap would make a goo

C. FOOTE, Nassau Bank.

Rush C. Hawkins, who will have charge of the American art exhibit at the coming International Exposition, at Paris, sailed this morning on the steamship La Bourgogne. The pictures will be sent next week and the other Commissioners will sail in April.

### COSTS

Castile.

sittanet and Pootballera

Card-Players Are Perfect. Is a perfect man impossible to find?

No, because in cards every one has mot the "I deal" man. K. R. E.

Long But Good.

Why is Spiritualism like "Uncle Tom

The Manufacturer More, the Jobber More, the Retailer More, But

### Consumer

Than Any Other Sarsaparilla---Facts Easily Proven---Read Them.

On the question of real economy Hood's Sarssparilla is so far ahead of other preparations as to place them en-tirely out of the race as competitors. Here are absolute facts in regard to this popular medicine, easily susceptible of conclusive proof: 1. Hood's Sarsaparilla Costs the Manufac-

turer More than any other competing preparation, because it is more highly concentrated and contains more real medicinal value.

first column of this article is shown by the fact that Hood's Barsaparilla has The Largest Sale of any sarsaparilla or blood purifier in this country. If you doubt this, ask any honest jobber or retail druggist. Hood's Barsaparilla is to-day on the full tide of popularity, and has reached that pre-eminence by its own intrinsic, undisputed merit. Here is

A Point for You.

of the fact just stated.

3. It Costs the Retnil Druggist More, for the same reason—as can easily be learned by upon having it. Do not let any argument or inquiry. Hence the desire of some retailers to parsuasion influence you to have

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

for which they got the same price, thus making more

other medicine, because of its greater concentrated strength, and the quantity in each bottle, and because it is the only preparation of which can truly be said: "100 Dones One Dellar." On this pistform Hood's Sarsaparilla star

beyond the approach of competitors. They copy our methods of advertising, they use our language, they steal our headlines, but they do not, They Caunot, copy or reproduce our preparation, Hood's Sarsapa-

Sarsaparilla.

There is Ment Enough in this advertisement to

Interest in reach the search was survey as the last our competitors a whole year. We commend it to their careful perusal, digestion and use.

"For five years I was sink every spring, but last year began in February to take Hood's Sarasparilla. I used five bottles and have not seen a sick day since." G. W. SLOAN, Milton, Mass.

"For a first-class spring medicine my wife and I think very highly of Hood's Sarssparilla. We both took it last spring. It did us a great deal of good, and we felt bet-ter through the hot weather than ever before. It sured my wife of sick headache, from which she has suffered a

Supt. Granite Ry. Co., Concord, N. H.

### One Doses

think every one ought to take something to purify the blood before the hot weather comes on, and we shall take Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring." J. H. PERSCE, cally than that of any similar house in the country. Every detail is carefully studied, and every penny saved. With few exceptions everything entering into the manufacture of Hood's Sarsaparilla and its advertising is produced on our own premises, without intermediate profit. Hence, we can and do produce the best article of its kind—and which in positive medicinal value it is simply

Second, The Combination, Proportion, and to itself, and competitors cannot find the secret by pletely. I would not be without Hood's Sarsaparilla in the bouse. Igive it to my children for a spring meduence of which it effects remarkable cures where other

### Be Sure to Cet Hood's

menced his story:

"My little boy, for whom I procured Hood's Sarsaps rills, was so badly afflicted with scrofula that the whol

top of his head was one complete mass of matter. I

doctored with him two years and found no relief, and then I heard of Hood's Sarsaparills. I gave him one bottle, and there was a most wonderful improvement.

I then got one bottle more and that cured him cor

found friend, and with some reluctance he con

"During the last campaign, in February,

1865, I was sent by General Lee with despatcher

for Kirby Smith, then commanding beyond the

Mississippi. I was unable to return before the

surrender, and, for reasons into which I need

not enter, I believed myself to be marked out by

"However, I thought it necessary to escape

before the final surrender of our forces beyond

the Mississippi. I made my way to Mexico, and,

like one or two Southern officers of greater dis-

tinction than myself, entered the service of the

me a chance of safety. He transferred me a few

days afterwards to a Dutch vessel bound for

Brisbane, for at that time I thought of settling

the Federal Government for vengeance.

#### SHREWD ADVERTISERS.

Readers of the newspapers of the day cannot fall to be mpressed with the fact that the modern advertises is

impressed with the fact that the modern advertises is progressive.

The value of printers' ink judiciously employed cannot be overestimated; it is the medium wheely a meriscious discoversy is raised from local fames to a pesition in the public esteem. Hence the columns of the aswepapers are daily used by heets of advertisers, and in the composition which is indulged in to attain the desired and, the reader is eftentimes amused.

The greatest of American advertisers, and it may as well be eated in the world, is H. H. Warner, of Rochester, H. Y., whose name has been made everywhere familiar in connection with Warner's finfe Cure, widely advertised because of its merit in the prevention and cure of kidney diseases.

By printers' ink this great discovery has achiev world-wide popularity, and thousands feel grateful for the knowledge thus acquired of this greatest of modern

Furthermore, the public has been taught that disorders of the lungs, brain, heart and liver, which have hitherto been regarded and treated by the profession as distinctive diseases, are not so in fact, but are the at-tending symptoms of disease of the kidneys: therefore, the consumptive, the apoplectic, the paralytic and the sufferer from nervous disorders can be restored to health by Warner's Safe Cure, which will remove the true cause

by restoring the kidneys to healthy action.

The advertising methods employed by this greatest of advertisers are invariably instructive and, although the reader may sometimes be "caught" in reading an ad ent which was not at first supposed to be suc there is nevertheless no time lost, since useful informa-tion is invariably gained concerning life's great prob-

#### WORLDLINGS.

Robert Louis Stevenson, the author, recently read a poem before the Hawaiian king, while Mrs. Stevenson presented his sable majesty with rare golden pearl brought from the Low

Archipelago. Ex-Gov. John C. Underwood, of Kentucky, now living in Columbus, O., is a tall, fine looking man, of full habit, with black hair and whiskers. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, and takes great interest in the order.

Col. Pickett, a prominent member of the Wyoming Legislature, is known throughout the West as a mighty bear hunter. He has a record of having killed twenty-seven of the varmints n one season in the Wind River Mountains. Seventeen of the number were laid low with a single shot, for the Colonel is an expert at the

Ira D. Sankey, the famous singing evangelist, s as bright and as active as of yore, and has changed but little in personal appearance. He will soon be associated with Moody in a series of meetings to be held in Chicago.

### A STRING TO PLUMMER'S RESIGNATION.

John F. Admits That He Has Left It in Abeyance for a While.

John F. Plummer has sent in his resignation as President of the Business Men's Republican Association on the ground that he cannot afford the time and attention that the office demands but reports are circulated that he is reconsider-

but reports are circulated that he is reconsidering the matter.

A reporter from THE EVENING WOBLD called on Mr. Plummer this morning and asked if he was contemplating the withdrawal of his resignation. He said:

"I have merely left the matter in abeyance for a few days. The Executive Committee has my letter of resignation, which speaks for itself." Ronlo Defeats Cunningham.

Cunningham fought fourteen hard rounds with four-ounce gloves. Cunningham was badly pounded and could not stand when time was called. Ronlo got the purse of \$200.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.] CHICAGO, March 9.—Joe Ronlo and Jimmie

THE ROLL OF MERIT. Owing to an exceptional pressure upon our space this week's Roll of Merit will not be pub-

Book Note.

Hehed until Monday.

Mrs. Celia Conelly will shortly publish a novel through Belford, Clark & Co., entitled "Her Terrible Fate." It promises to be a work of exceptional interest, full of dramatic power and written in a smooth and finished way. Mrs. Conelly is an adept in the use of her pen, and the novel will be looked for with eagerness by her many friends and admirers.

A Local Brooklyn Story,

### THE REST OF CAPT. ERICSSON.

SAD VISITORS TO THE HOUSE WHERE THE INVENTOR'S BODY LIES.

The stately old residence of Capt. John Erics son in Beach street is as gloomy as a set to-day.

For years before his death the old inventor, stanch in his belief that a lifetime was too short for the completion of the work due from a man to his fellow men, lived almost a hermit life, no visitors saw his nearest mechanical friends being admitted to his house. His family consisted of a housekeeper, servant girl and ralet, his secretary, Mr. Taylor, living in Jersey, and his superintendent, Mr. Lassoe, in Brooklyn.

And now, as he lies cold in death in the chamber wherein his life passed away, there are few

callers at the door. The body has been embalmed, and on Monday at noon, Rev. Morgan J. Dix, the Captain's old paighbor in the days when Beach street and St. John's Park formed an aristocratic centre, will perform the last rites at Trinity Church over the

dead inveitor.

The remains will be escorted to the church by a delegation from Amaranth Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which the Captain was a member, and many workmen from the Delamater Iron Works, where the inventions of the inventor were manufactured.

where the inventions of the inventor were manufactured.

He was an honorary member of the Chamber of Commerce, Union League Club and Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The body will be placed in a receiving vault at Greenwood, and the Swedish Government will probably send a naval vessel from the West Indies squadron to New York to convey the body of the great Swede to the land of his nativity, there to be interred.

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Capt. Fricason was not a rich man. He made a wil a dozen years ago, naming George H. Robinson, Cornelius S. Bushell, William H. Wallace and Eden Sprout as executors. The will has not yet been read, and the executors are reticent as to its provisions.

It is said that the estate does not exceed \$100,000, including as the only piece of real-estate the home in which Ericsson died. But the Captain had a hundred patents and the royalty rights on most of them have years to run.

He left a number of nephews and neices, but it is understood that the three sons of his brother, Baron Ericsson, will receive the greater part of the estate.

brother, Baron Eriosson, will receive the greater part of the estate.

In life Capt, Eriosson was of middle height, heavy build and very strong and sturdy.

His life was of exquisite simplicity. He arose at 7: bathed and exercised until 9: breakfasted of dried brown bread from his own receipt; poached eggs and tea with plenty of milk; work until 4: dinner of vegetables, tea and bread; worked until 11 o'clock at night and then went to bed. to bed.

He never ate more than one onnce of meat at a meal, and avoided tobacco, wine, beer and liquor as enemies to the system.

THE BEST NUTRITIVE TONIC

THE GENUINE

Pyl up in this I have used Johann Roffs Mate fault of Bottles Extract for the past five poses in my only.

Pyl up in this I have used Johann Roffs Mate Extract for the past five poses in my only.

Pyl up in this I have used Johann Roffs Mate I have found it to be the best health-centering berease age and tenie nutritive known. I have found it especially good for pessons convalencing from fewer, in cases of dyspepsin, for mothers nursing, and in cases of weakly children, and also in lung troubles. My attention was drawn by the immense importation semi-monthly. immense importation semi-monthly, and about a million of bettles imported by you have passed my in-spection in the Custom-House satis-factorily for the past five years. 20 建验

Yours respectfully, Chief Drug Inspector
U. S. Port Philadelphia.

The 'Genuine' is

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style of Bottles
ine' has the signature of 'JOHANN
only.

DYNNER" on the neck of crusy

Johann Hoff, Berlin, Paris, Vienna, EISNER & MENDELSON CO., Sole Agenta 6 BARCLAY STREET, NEW YORK.

Notes of Labor. The Central Labor Union and the Central Labor Federation will meet to-morrow after-

noon.

The painters employed on the new freight shed at the foot of Franklin street are on strike against long hours and low wages.

The committee appointed by the Central Labor Union to arrange for a concert in aid of the striking carpet-workers will meet to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in Clarendon Hall.

At a meeting of the Furniture Workers' Section, last night, at 145 Eighth street, a motion to dissolve the organization was laid over, and the secretary reported that only three organizations remain, and he will therefore turn over the books to the Central Labor Union.

The Executive Committee appointed at the Troy Convention to bring about amendments to the Conspiracy laws, has sent a sub-committee to the members of the Legislature to influence the latter to vote for the amendments presented by the Central Labor Union. The Tailors' tunion will hold a mass meeting on the subject at Concordia Hall, in Avenue A, on Monday night next. night next.

First Avenue Dry-Goods Blaze, Samuel Levy's dry-goods store, at 220 First avenue, was partly burned out at a loss of \$1,000 soon after midnight this morning, the fire having started from an overheated store.

# **NERVURA**

### The Greatest of All Spring Medicines.

For Weak and Shattered Nerves, Tired Brain, Poor Blood and Debilitated System.

Now is the time to tone up the system and cleanse and purify the blood. Your nerve power is run down and exhausted, your stomach, liver and bowels are out of order, and your blood has become impure. All this makes you feel weak, tired and nervous; you do not eat or sleep well, wake unrefreshed mornings, have no strength or ambition and your work tires you. A sure and postive cure will be found in DR. GREENE'S NERVURA, the great nerve, brain and blood restorer. Use it by all means, and we promise you a perfect and complete cure.

For sale by all druggists. Price \$1 per bottle.

"The Mystery of St. Mark's Avenue" (Breeklyn begins in to-morrow's (Sunday'e) Breeklyn Edition of "The World."

If you are wise you will be sure and get Dr. Greene, the famous lecturer and specialist in the cure of nervous and chronic diseases, can be consulted, anything else, for this wonderful remedy has no equal. If you use it you will never regret it.

mons thickness and solidity, to which and to

in the general ruin he described. That it had

undergone some severe and violent shock

the resemblance of a book of considerable thickness, and bound in metal like that of the case.

This I afterwards ascertained beyond doubt to

be a metalloid alloy whereof the principal in-

gredient was aluminium, or some substance se

closely resembling it as not to be distinguishable

"This," said my friend, opening the volume

is a manuscript which was contained in this

case when I took it from among the deorts of the crater. I should have told you that I found there

what I believed to be fragments of human

flesh and bone, but so crushed and mangled

that I could form no positive conclusion. My

next care was to escape from the island, which I

felt sure lay far from the ordinary course of

merchant vessels. A boat which had brought

me ashore had fortunately been left on the end

of the island furthest from that on which the

vessel had been driven, and had not been fatally

"In this vessel I embarked about a fortnight

'On the fourth morning the wind had fallen,

and by noon it was a perfect calm. Towards

evening a slight breeze sprang up, and by morn

ing I came in sight of a vessel which I contrived to board. Her crew, however, and even her

captain, utterly discredited such part of my strange story as I told them. On that point,

however, I will say no more than this: I will

place this manuscript in your hands. I will give

you the key to such of its ciphers as I have been

able to make out. The language, I believe, for I am no scholar, is Latin of a medisaval type. I

only make it a condition that you shall not pub-

lish the story during my life; that if you show

the manuscript or mention the tale in confidence

to any one you will strictly keep my secret, and

that if after my death, of which you shall be ad-

vised, you do publish it, you will afford no clus

"I promise," said I. "But I should like to

What, in short, the nature of the occurrence and

"Why need you ask me?" he returned. "You

from what I have told you, and I have told you

are as capable as myself of drawing a deduc

by which the donor could be confidently identi-

after the day of the mysterious shock.

from it by simple chemical tests.

injured by the shock.

PEOPLE AND CIVILIZATION OF ANOTHER PLANET.

PROLOGUE.

THE MYSTERIOUS MANUS Once only, in the occasional travelling of thirty years, did I lose any important article of luggage; and that loss occurred, not under the haphazard, devil-take-the-hindmost confusion of English or the elaborate misrule of Con-tinental journeys, but through the absolute per-Tection and democratic despotism of the American system. I had to give up a visit to the ry of Cooper's best Indian novels-no slight sacrifice—and hasten at once to New York repair the loss. This incident brought me, on an evening near the middle of September 1874, on board a river steamboat starting from Albany, the capital of the State, for the Em

I had no amusement but such as I could find in the conversation of my fellow-travellers. With one of these, whose abstinence from personal questions led me to take him for an Eng an, I spoke of my visit to Niagara-the wonder of the world, that thoroughly "answer s warranty"—and to Montreal.

After this our conversation became less re-served; and I found that I was conversing with one of the most renowned officers of irregular cavalry in the late Confederate service. - (the reader will learn why I give

neither his name nor real rank) spoke with some bitterness of the inquisitiveness which rendered it impossible, he said, to trust an American with it impossible, he said, to stuss an american when a secret, and very difficult to keep one without lying. We were presently joined by Major B.—, who had been employed during the war in the conduct of many critical communications, and had shown great ingenuity in devising and unravelling ciphers. On this subject a some-what protracted discussion arcse. I inclined to the dectrine of Pos. that no cipher can be devised which cannot be detected by an experienced hand; my friends indicated simple methoils of defeating the processes on which de

We reached New York early in the morning and separated, having arranged to visit that afternoon a colebrated "spiritual" medium who was then giving seances in the Empire City.

and of whom my friend had heard and repeated to me several more or less marvellous stories. Our visit, however, was unsatisfactory; and as

"Well, I suppose this experience confirms you in your disbelief?" "No." said I. "My first visits have generally been failures, and I have more than once been told that my own temperament is most unfavorable to the success of a scance. Nevertheless, I have in some cases witnessed marvels perfectly inexplicable by known natural laws; and I have heard and read of others attested by

evidence I certainly cannot consider inferior to my own. "Why "he said, "I thought from your con

tables turned upon themselves."

"I believe, answered I, "in very little of what have seen. But that little is quite sufficient to dispose of the theory of pure imposture. On the other hand, there is nothing spiritual and nothing very human in the pranks played by or in the presence of the mediums. They remind one more of the feats of traditionary goblins; mischievous, noisy, untrustworthy; insensible to ridicule, apparently delighting to make fools of men, and perfectly indifferent to having the

disclose it.

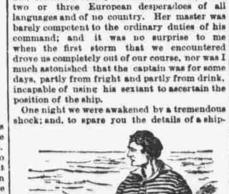
It is now associated with the most painful incident of my life, and I have lost altogether human interest in a matter deeply interesting to



PROTRACTED DISCUSSION ABOSE. and which is, I suppose, the motive that prompts us all to relate often and early any occurrence that has keenly affected us, in whatever manner. But I think that I have no right to suppress so remarkable a fact, if by telling it I can place it effectually on record for the benefit of mer sensible enough to believe that it may have occur. If you will come to my rooms in street to-morrow, Number 299, I will not prom mind to tell you what I have to tell, and to place

merely episodical," I spent that evening with the family of the reality of what then took place; and I am and valuable result of my American tour. I we found ourselves when day broke fast on a highest confidence in his character, the highest no means of ascertaining the position of this opinion of his honor and veracity; but spoke island, nor do I now know anything of it except had been fatal; remarking that the motive in

After his fall, I should certainly have been shot had I been caught by the Juarists in pursuit of me. I gained the Pacific coast and got on board an English vessel, whose captainloading for San Francisco—generously weighed anchor and sailed with but half a cargo to give



I SAT UP, SOMEWHAT CONFUSED

wreck, which have nothing to do with my story, coral reef, about a mile from an island of no appeared. The sextant having been broken to pieces, I had

of which they were soon tired. The captain. therefore, when he had recovered his sobriety and his courage, had no great difficulty in inducing them to return to the ship and endeavor either to get her off or construct from her timbers a raft which, following the course of the winds, might, it was thought, bring them into the track of vessels. This would take some time, and I meanwhile was allowed to remain (my own wish) on terra firma; the noise, dirt and foul smells of the vessel being, especially in that climate, intolerable. About 10 o'clock in the morning of the 25th

clear of trees, and facing a sort of glade or avonue, covered only with brush and young trees, which allowed me to see the sky within perhaps twenty degrees of the horizon. Suddenly, looking up, I saw what appeared at first like a brilliant star considerably higher than the sun. It increased in size with amazing in Queensland. The crew was weak-handed, and consisted chiefly of Lascars, Malays and rapidity, till, in a very few seconds after its first appearance, it had a very perceptible disk. For

of August, 1867, I was lying towards the south-

ern end of the island, on a little hillock tolerably

an instant it obscured the sun. In another moment a tremendous shock temporarily deprived me of my senses. I think that more than an hour had clapsed before I recovered. Sitting up, somewhat confused, and looking around me, I became aware that some strange accident had occurred. In every direction I raw such traces of havoc as I had witnessed more than once when a Confederate force holding an impenetrable woodland had been shelled at random for some hours with the largest guns that the enemy could bring into the field. Trees were torn and broken, branches scattered in all directions, fragments of stone, earth and coral rock flung all around. Particularly I remember that a piece of metal of onsiderable size had cut off the tops of two or three trees, and fixed itself at last on what was now the summit of one about a third of whose length had been broken off and lay on the

Presently I came upon fragments of a shining pale yellow metal, generally small, but in one or two cases of remarkable size and shape, apparently torn from some sheet of great thickness. In one case I found imbedded between two such agged fragments a piece of remarkably hard, unpenetrable cement. At last I came to a point from which, through the destruction of the trees, the sca was visible in the direction in which the ship had lain; but the ship, as in a few moments I satisfied myself, had utterly dis-

Reaching the beach I found that the shock had driven the sea far up upon the land; fishes lying fifty yards inland, and everything drenched in salt water. At last, guided by the signs of evernereasing devastation, I reached the point whence the mischief had proceeded. I can give no idea in words of what I there found. The earth had been torn open, rooted up as if by a spparently of what had been a silvery color, very gigantic explosion. In some places sharp-little rusted, though much soiled. This he pointed fragments of the coral rock, which at a opened and I saw at once that it was of enor-

as largely as they wished, and fish, depth of several feet formed the bed of the mous thickness and solidity, to which and which were abundant and easily caught, and island, were discernible far below the actual favoring circumstances it owed its preservat surface. At others, the surface itself was raised several feet by debris of every kind. What I may call the crater—though it was no there could be no question. Beside actual hole, but rather a cavity torn and then filled up by falling fragments—was two seriously injured object, in which I recognized or three hundred feet in circumference; and in this space I found considerable masses of the same metaliic substance, attached generally to pieces of the cement. After examining and puzzling myself over this strange scene for some time my next care was to seek traces of the ship and of her crew; and before long I saw just outside the coral reef what had been her bowsprit. and presently, floating on the sea, one of her masts with the sail attached. There could be little doubt that the shock had extended to her. had driven her off the roof where she had been fixed into the deep water outside, where she must have sunk immediately and had broken



No traces of her crew were to be seen.

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had probably been stunned at the same time that they were thrown into deep water; and before I came in sight of the point where she had periahed whatever animal bodies were to be found must have been devoured by the sharks, which abounded in that neighborhood. Dismay, perplexity and horror prevented my doing anything to solve my doubts or relieve my astonishment before the sun went down; and during the night my sleep was broken by snatches of horrible dreams and intervals of ask you one question. What do you conceive to waking, during which I marvelled over what I have been the cause of the extraordinary shool had seen, scarcely crediting my memory or my you felt and of the havor you have witness schees. In the morning I went back to the What, in short, the nature of the occurrence and crater, and with some tools that had been left the origin of the manuscript you intrust to my m shore contrived to dig somewhat deeply care?" among the debris with which it was filled. I found very little that could enlighten me except pieces of glass, of various metals, of wood, some of which seemed apparently to have been portions of furniture; and one damaged, but still cutire relic, which I preserved and brought Here the Colonel removed a newspaper which

had covered a portion of his table and showed me a metallic case beaten out of all shape, but

everything, I believe, that could assist you. The manuscript will tell the rest."

Did you, "asked I, "connect the shock and the relies, which I presume you know were not on the island before the shock, with the melect and the strange obscuration of the sun?"

"I certainly did," he said. "Having done so, there could be but one conclusion as to the quarter from which the shock was received."

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## A Voyage to Mars. MARVELLOUS ACCOUNT OF THE

we came away Col. A-- said:

versation last night you were a complete disbeliever.

"The intolerance of incredulity," returned Colonel A ...., "is a sore subject with me. I once witnessed a phenomenon which was to me quite as extraordinary as any of the 'spiritual' performances. I have at this moment in my possession apparently irresistible evidence of sure that there exists at a point on the earth's surface, which unluckily I cannot define, strong corroborative proof of my story. Nevertheless, the first persons who heard it utterly ridiculed it, and were disposed to treat me either as a madman, or at best as an audacious trespasser on that privilege of lying which belonged to them as mariners. I told it afterwards to three

gentlemen of station, character and intelli-

gence, every one of whom had known me as sol-

in each case the result was a duel, which has silenced those who imputed to me an unworthy and purposeless falsehood, but has left a heavy burden on my conscience, and has prevented me ever since from repeating what I know to be true and believe to be of greater interest, and in some sense of greater importance, than any scientific discovery of the last century. Since the last occasion on which I told it seven years have elapsed, and I never have met any one but

yourself to whom I have thought it possible to "I assure you," he continued, "I have no such wish now to tell the story as I had at first. that natural desire for sympathy and

myself, which, like every one else, I felt at first,

occurred, especially since somewhere in the world there must yet exist proof that it did ise, but I think that I shall have made up my in your hands that portion of the evidence which is still at my command—evidence that has a sig-nificance of its own, to which my experience is

friend, one of several former officers of the Confederacy, whose friendship is the one permanent mentioned the Colonel's name, and my friend. the head of the family, having served with him great size, and out of sight of all other land. through the Virginian campaigns, expressed the with bitter regret and pain of the duels in which | that it lay, in the month of August, within the he had been engaged, especially of one which region of the southcast trade-winds. We pulled had been fatal; remarking that the motive in cach instance remained unknown even to the seconds.

a bore, but, after exploring the island, it was found to yield nothing attractive to seamen except cocoanute, with which

and I hope as gentleman, for years: and The next day I called as agreed upon my new- our crew had soon supplied themselves